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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3, 5-14, 16-21, 23-27, 29-38, 40-45, 47-51, 53-60, 62, 63, 65-67, and 69-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1-3,5-14,16-21,23-27,29-38,40-45,47-51,53-60,62,63,65-67 and 69-72.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's RCE, filed on 5/26/2004.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-21, 23-27, 29-38, 40-45, 47-51, 53-60, 62, 63, 65-67, and 69-72 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371[©] of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-21, 23-27, 29-38, 40-45, 47-51, 53-60, 62, 63, 65-67, and 69-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Downs et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,574,609).

As per claims 1, 5-13, 49, 52-60, 62, 63, and 65-66 Downs discloses a right management in the secure digital content electronic distribution system that is implemented through a set of functions distributed among the operating components of the system, comprising the steps of:

hosting, by the rendering application, a browser that is initiated by the rendering application, under the control of such rendering application, and viewed within the context of the rendering application ; causing , by the rendering application, the browser

to navigate to a license server (see., abstract, specifically col 7, lines 22-64, col 66, lines 34-50, license 660, fig 6, Applicant's newly added limitation is also disclosed in col 66, lines 34-50, fig 6. Please note that the content host site 111 of Downs is capable of browsing or viewing context of the content data or application); allowing a user to communicate with the license server by way of the hosted browser to acquire the license (see., abstract, col 66, lines 22-67, fig 6); receiving the license from the license server; and shutting down, by the hosting rendering application, the hosted browser upon receiving the license (see., col 66, lines 34-67, specifically wherein it is stated that signature of the license can be verified to determine if it is a valid license. If it is a valid license either the download is initiated, or the download request may be redirected (redirected or shutting down) to another content).

As per claims 2, and 50 Downs discloses the claimed method of causing the browser to navigate to a license server based on information received by the rendering application from the DRM (see., abstract, col 1, lines 62-67, col 6, lines 59-67, col 7, lines 1-64).

As per claims 3, 51 Downs discloses the claimed method of receiving information necessary to acquire the license including a site identifier identifying a license server and causing the browser to navigate to the license server based on the site identifier (see., col 66, lines 27-64, col 65, lines 3-40).

As per claims 14, 16-21, 23, and 24, Downs discloses a right management in the secure digital content electronic distribution system that is implemented through a set of functions distributed among the operating components of the system, comprising the steps of:

hosting, by the rendering application, a browser; causing , by the rendering application, the browser to navigate to a license server (see., abstract, specifically col 7, lines 22-64, col 66, lines 34-50, license 660, fig 6);
attempt, by the DRM system, to silently acquire the license from a license server without the intervention of a user (see., abstract, col 66, lines 22-67, fig 6);
if the attempt to silently acquire the license fails, allowing a user to attempt to acquire the license from a license server by way of a browser hosted by the rendering application (see., col 66, lines 34-67, specifically wherein it is stated that signature of the license can be verified to determine if it is a valid license. If it is a valid license either the download is initiated, or the download request may be redirected (redirected or attempt) to another content).

As per claims 25-27, 29-38, 40-45, 47, 48, 67, and 69-72 Downs discloses the claimed limitation of having operating thereon a rendering application for rendering digital content and a digital rights managements system for authorizing such rendering based on a corresponding digital license, the rendering application and the DRM system for effectuating acquisition of such license upon the rendering application requesting the DRM system for authorization for such rendering based on such license and upon the

DRM system notifying the rendering application that such license is not available on the computing device, the rendering application hosting a browser and causing the browser to navigate to a license server to allow a user to communicate with the license server by way of the hosted browser to acquire the license, the rendering application shutting down the hosted browser upon receiving the license from the license server (see., abstract, specifically col 7, lines 22-64, col 66, lines 34-50, license 660, fig 6, col 66, lines 34-67, specifically wherein it is stated that signature of the license can be verified to determine if it is a valid license. If it is a valid license either the download is initiated, or the download request may be redirected (redirected or shutting down) to another content.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 05/26/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

REMARKS

6. In response to Applicant's arguments, Applicant argues that the Downs reference fails to disclose:

a. "a browser that is initiated by the rendering application, under the control of such rendering application, and viewed within the context of the rendering application" .

However, the Examiner respectfully disagrees since Downs discloses this limitation in the abstract, specifically col 7, lines 22-64, col 66, lines 34-50, license 660, fig 6,

Applicant's newly added limitation is also disclosed in col 66, lines 34-50, fig 6. Please note that the content host site 111 of Downs is capable of browsing or viewing context of the content data or application

b. "the browser to navigate to a license server". Based upon foregoing rejection indicated above, it is believed that Downs discloses this limitation in the abstract, col 7, lines 22-64, specifically wherein said control and enforcement of content usage according to the conditions of purchase or license, such as permitted number of copies, number of plays, and the time interval or term the license may be valid. Applicant should note that with the proper licensing authorization the users are capable of browsing or navigate to the licenser server, fig 1D.

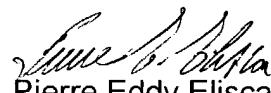
c. "acquiring a digital license that authorizes rendering of corresponding digital content". As indicated above, Downs discloses this limitation see., col 7, lines 22-65, rights management in the secure digital content and licensing authorization.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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